

The background of the entire page is a vibrant night scene. A large, bright yellow full moon dominates the upper left portion of the sky. To the right, a brilliant white star with long, thin rays shines against the deep blue night sky, which is sparsely dotted with smaller stars. In the lower portion of the image, a city skyline is visible, with several tall, yellow and blue buildings. A body of water, possibly a bay or river, reflects the light from the moon and the city. The overall style is that of a children's book illustration.

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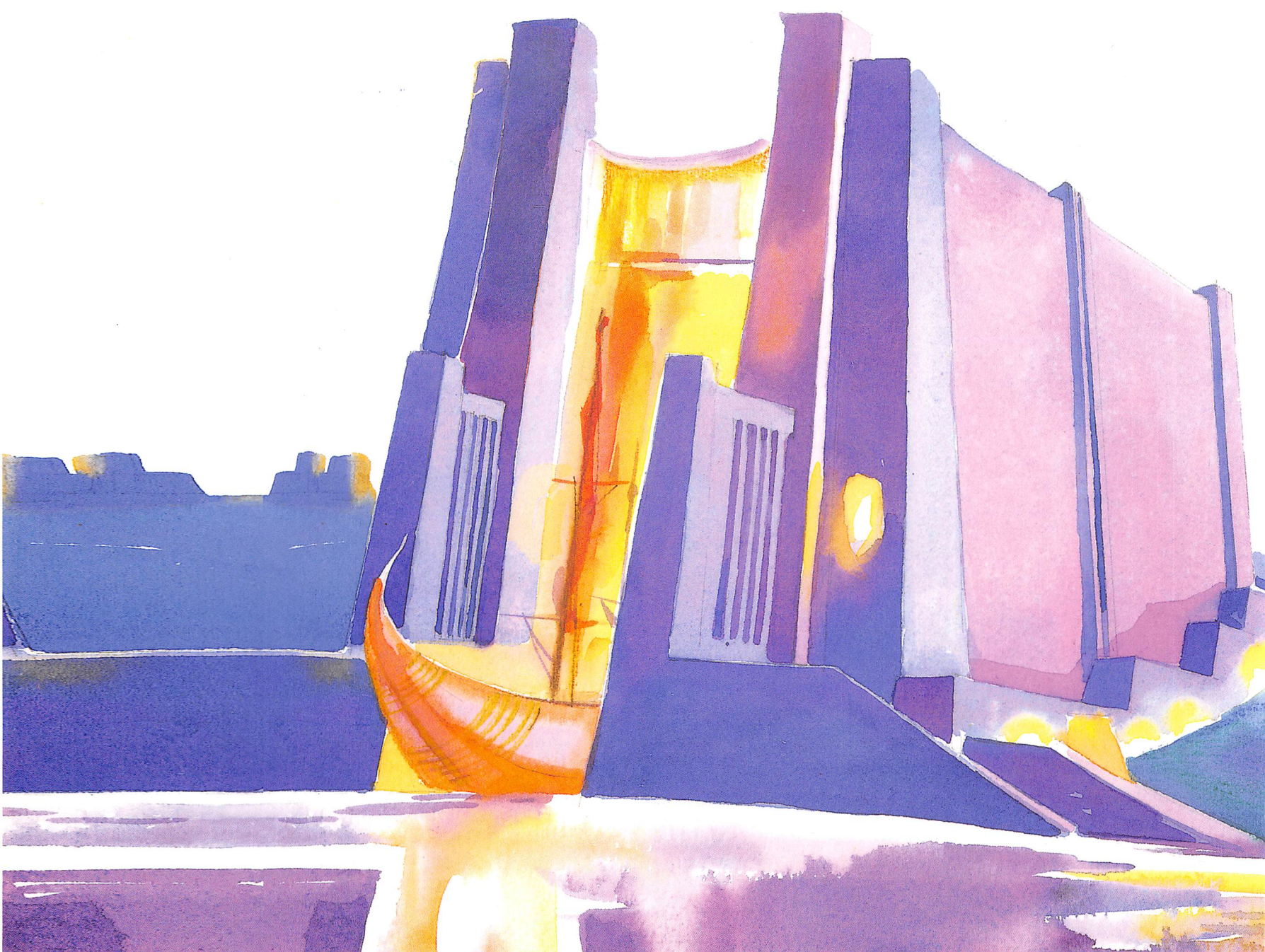
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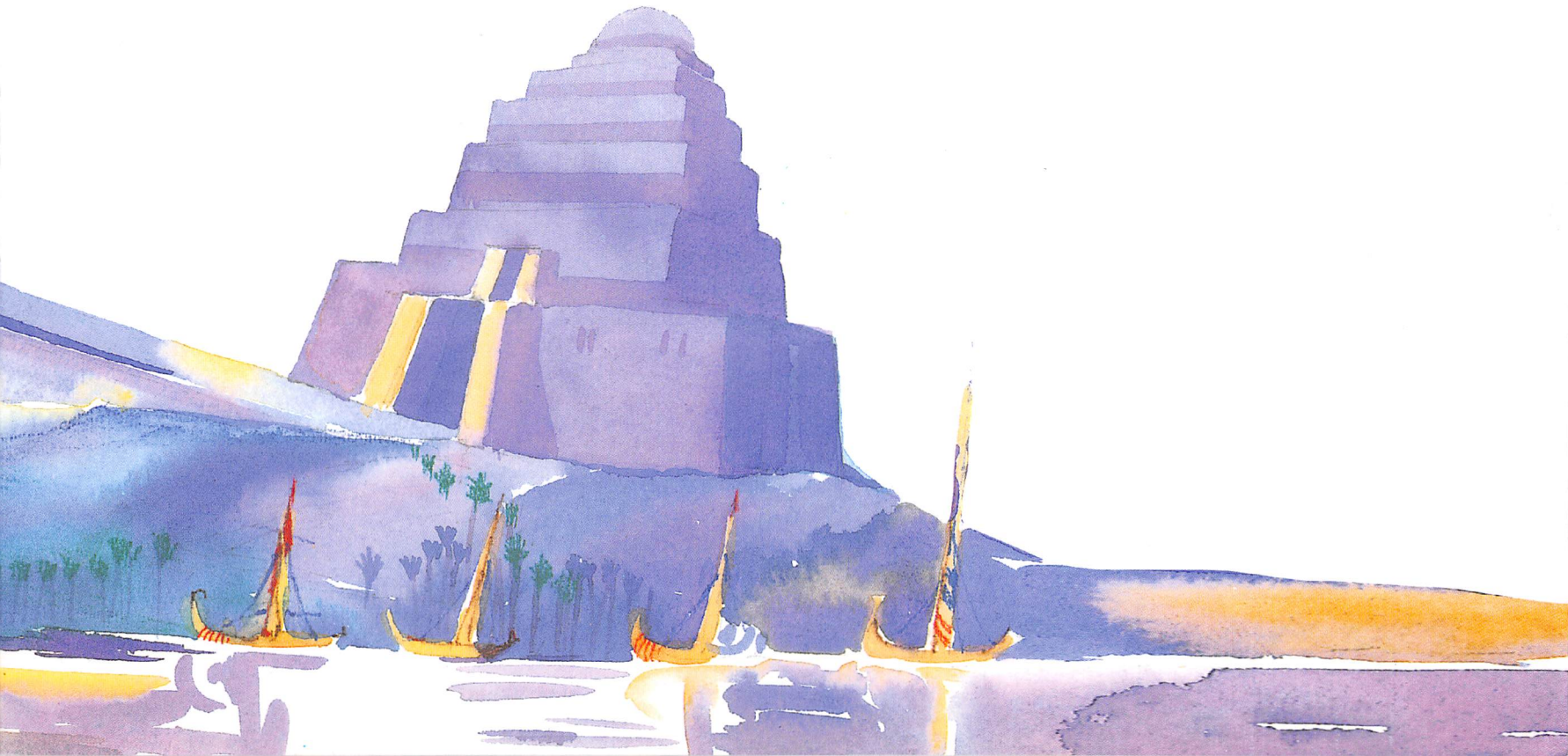
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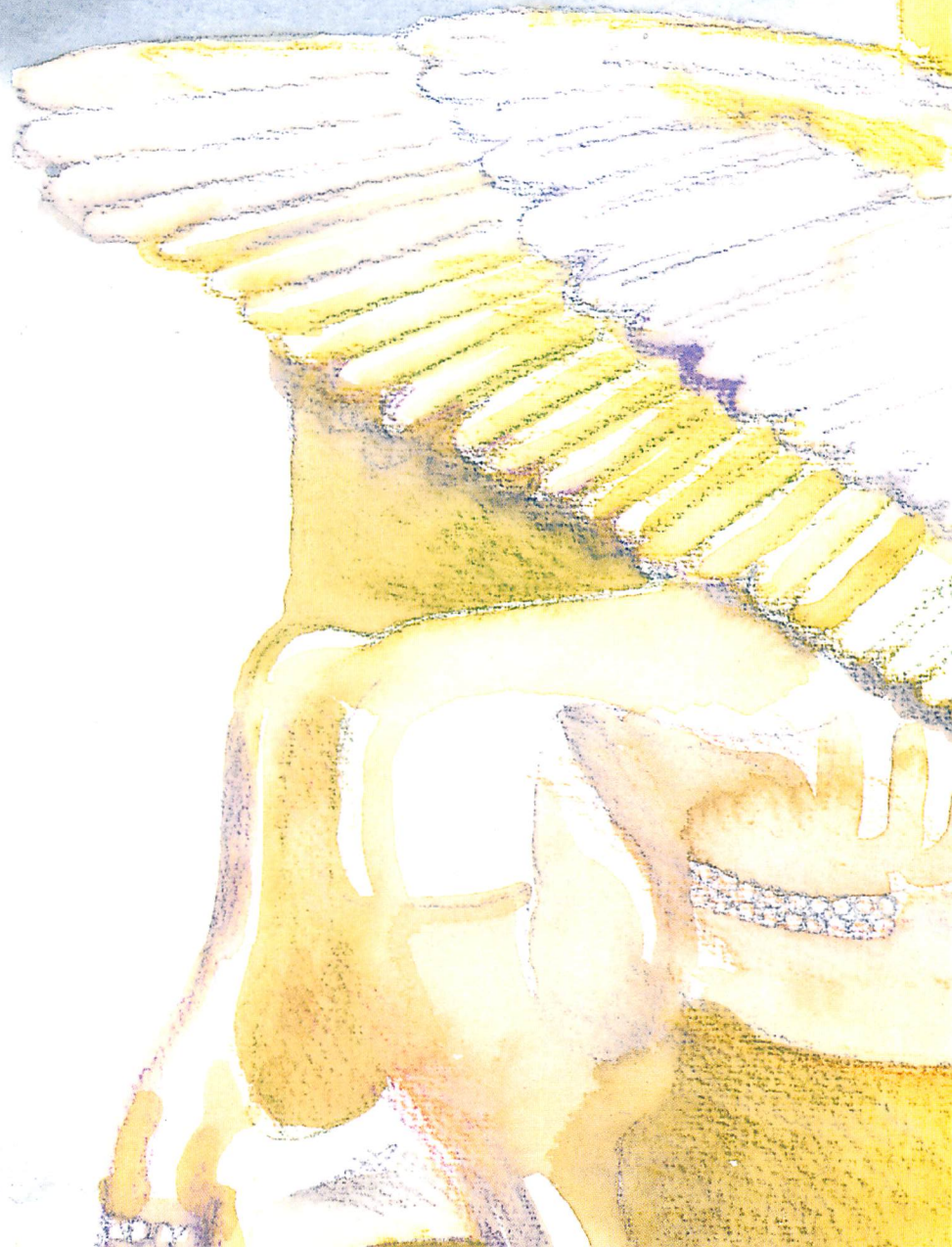
About 4000 years ago a young boy lived in Iraq. He was born in the village of Ur. At the time all the people worshipped heavenly bodies and idols. Ibrahim's عليه السلام father was a priest and also an idol-maker.

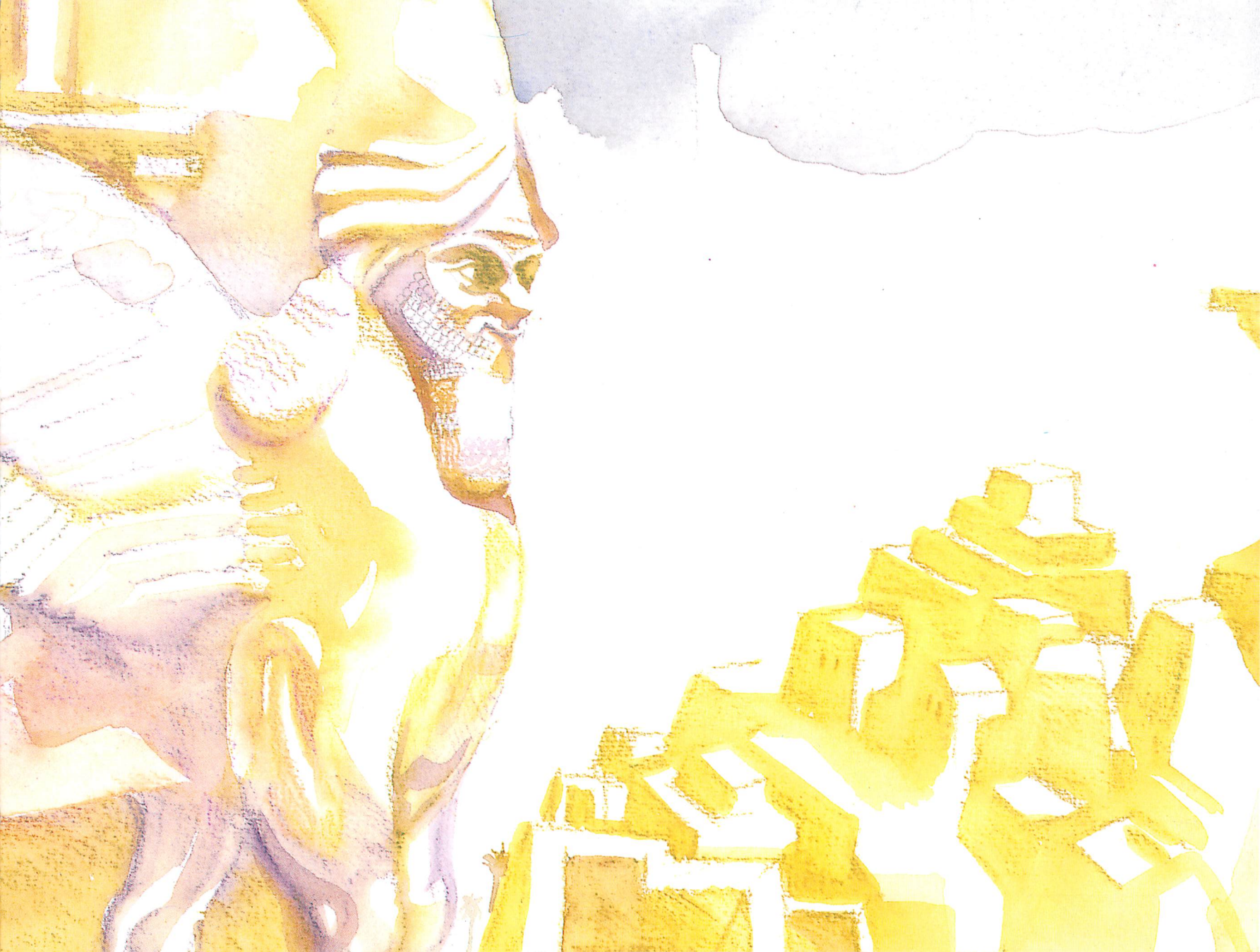
Ibrahim عليه السلام was given wisdom by Allah. Even as a young boy he

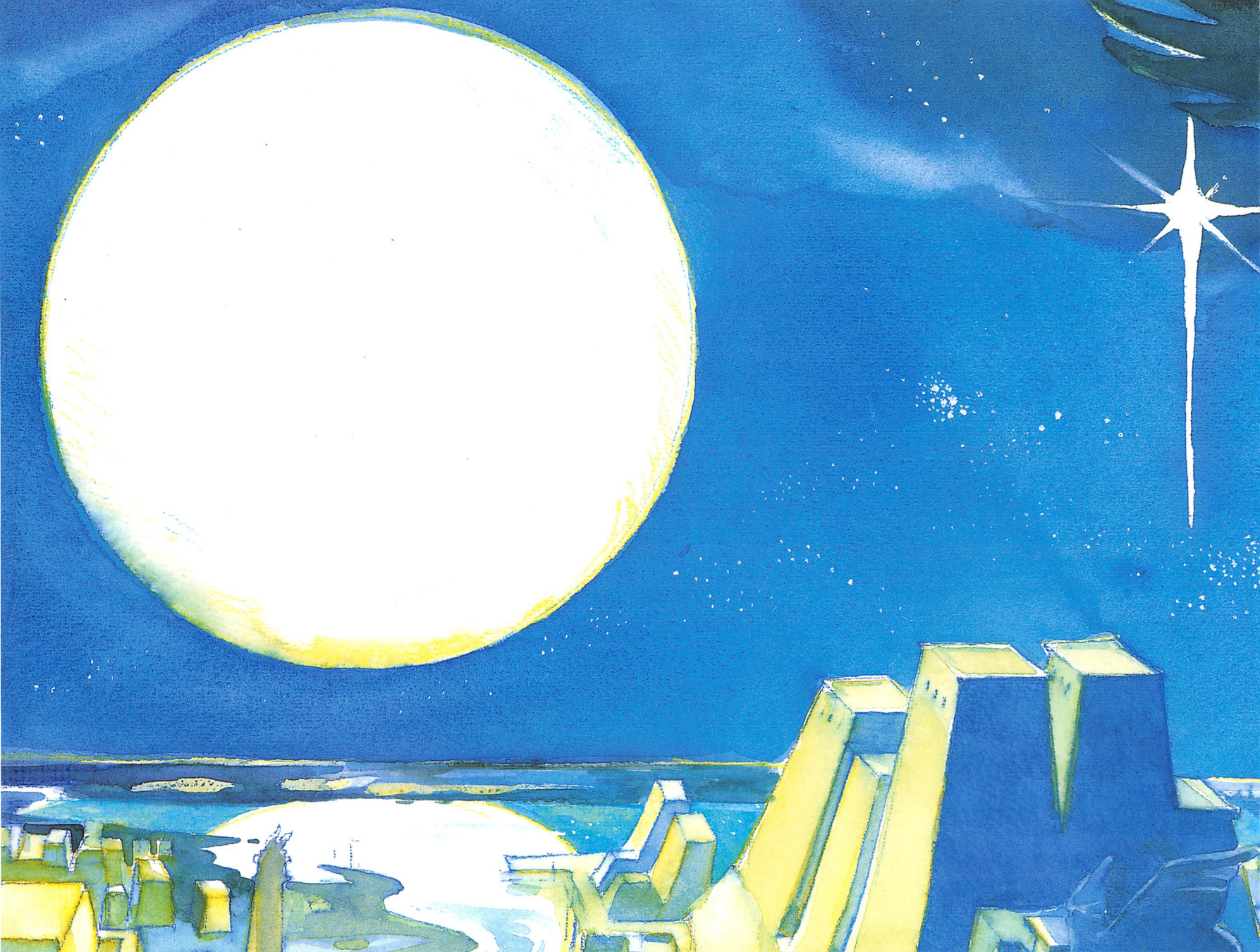


argued with his father to stop worshipping the idols and believe in only one God, but his father turned a deaf ear to his advice.

To make the people understand the falseness of their belief Ibrahim عليه السلام said one day, on seeing a star, "This is my Lord, I shall worship it." When the star disappeared in the morning light he said, "I do not worship those that set." Then he said on seeing the moon, "This is my Lord, I worship it."





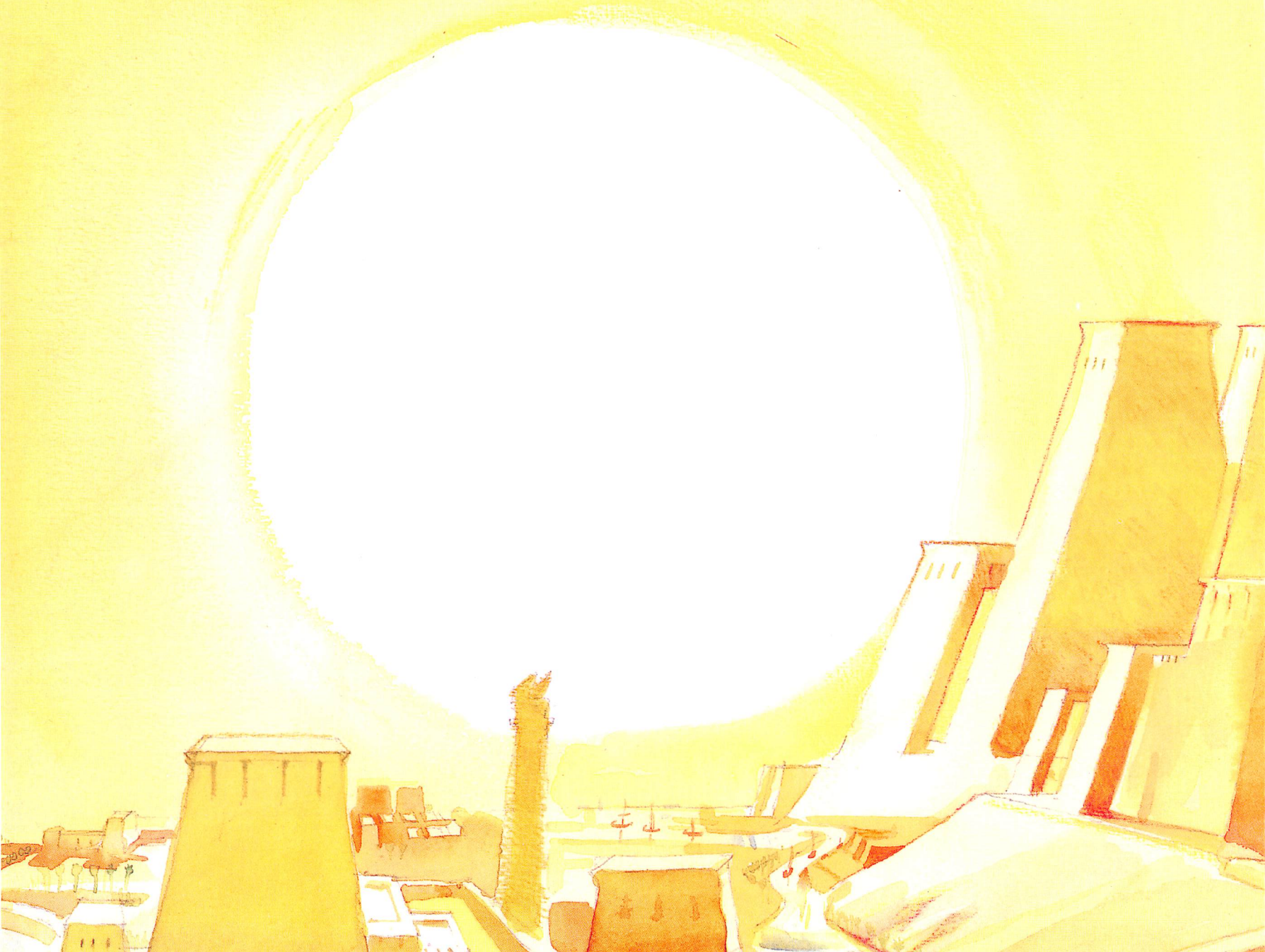


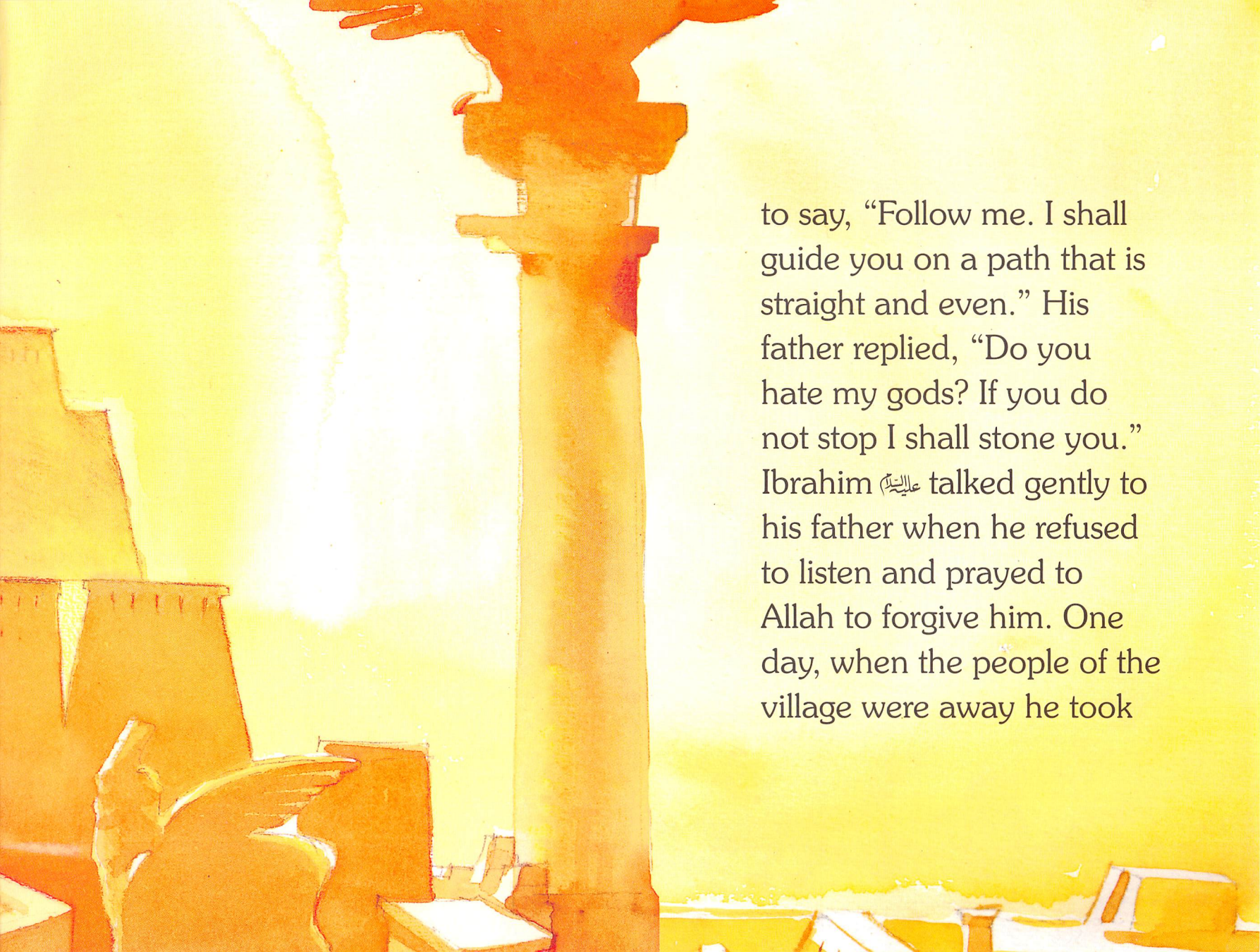


When the moon also set he said again, "I do not worship those that set." Once again the next day, on seeing the sun shining bright, he said, "I worship the sun; it is bright." But when the sun also set he said, "I am fed up with your gods. I do not worship any but the one Allah, who has made all these heavenly bodies."

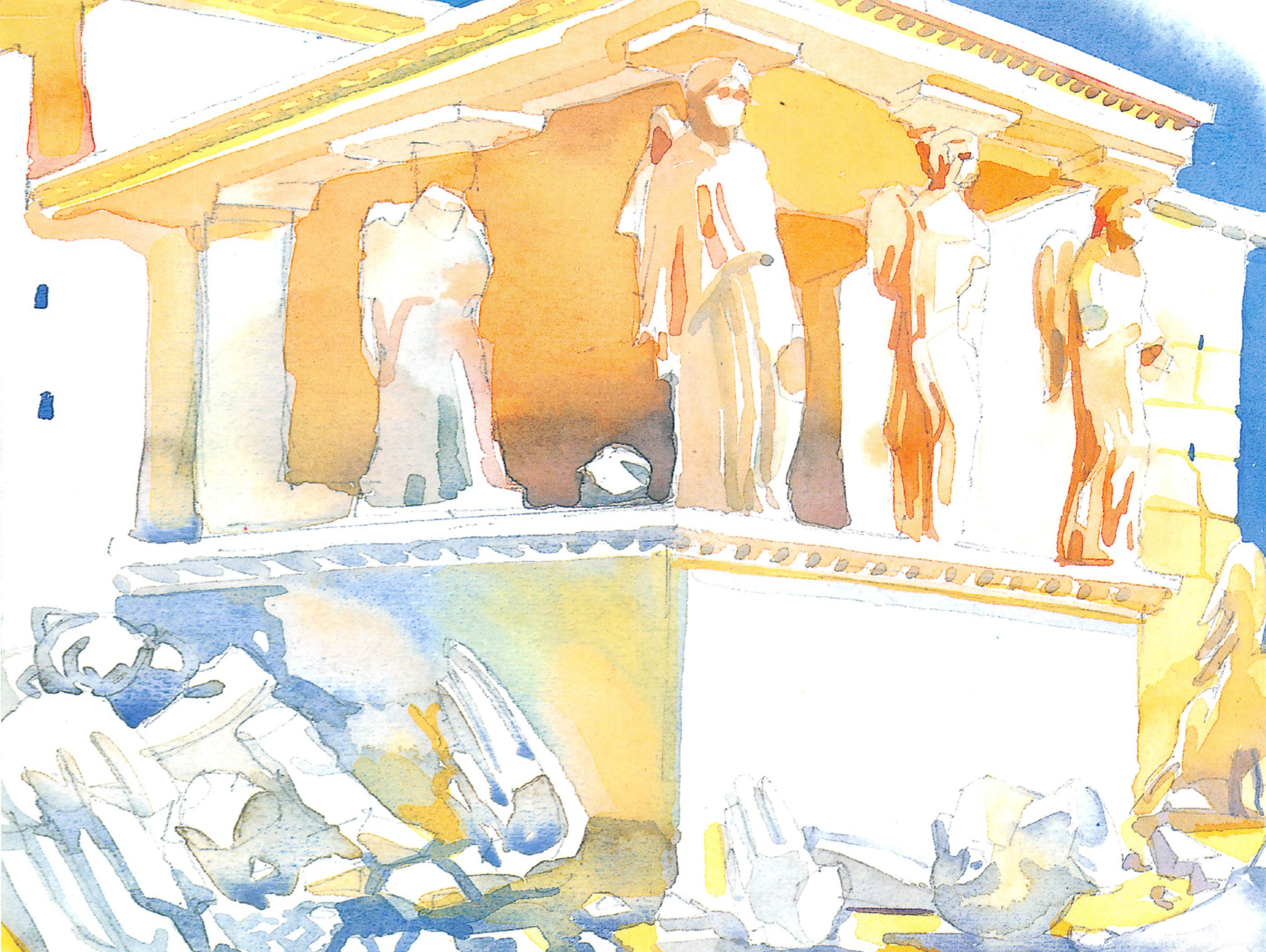
He wondered why people worshipped idols.

He said to his father, "Why do you worship those that do not hear you, see you and cannot profit you in any way." He went on

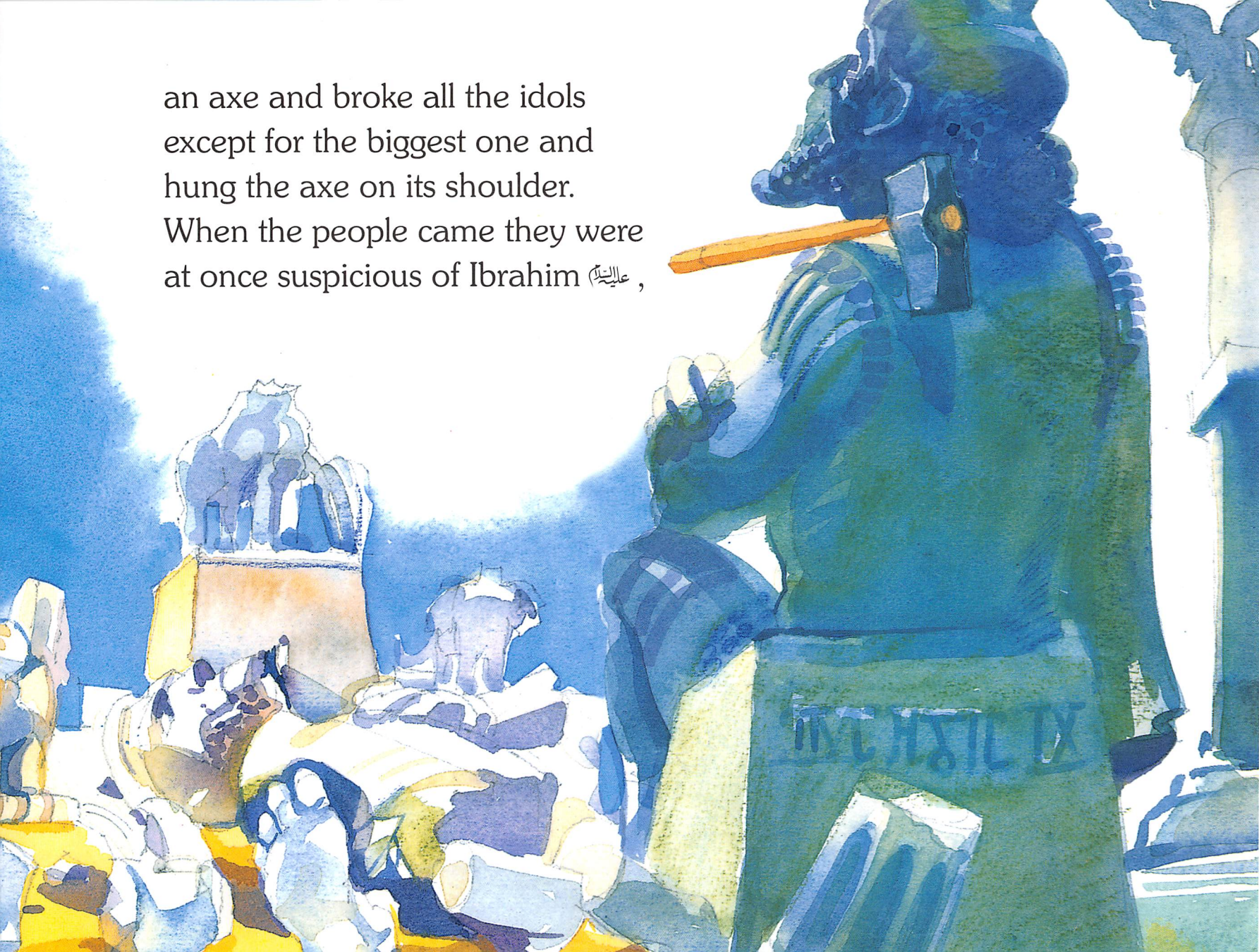


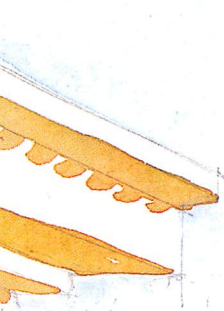


to say, "Follow me. I shall guide you on a path that is straight and even." His father replied, "Do you hate my gods? If you do not stop I shall stone you." Ibrahim عليه السلام talked gently to his father when he refused to listen and prayed to Allah to forgive him. One day, when the people of the village were away he took




an axe and broke all the idols
except for the biggest one and
hung the axe on its shoulder.
When the people came they were
at once suspicious of Ibrahim عليه السلام ,



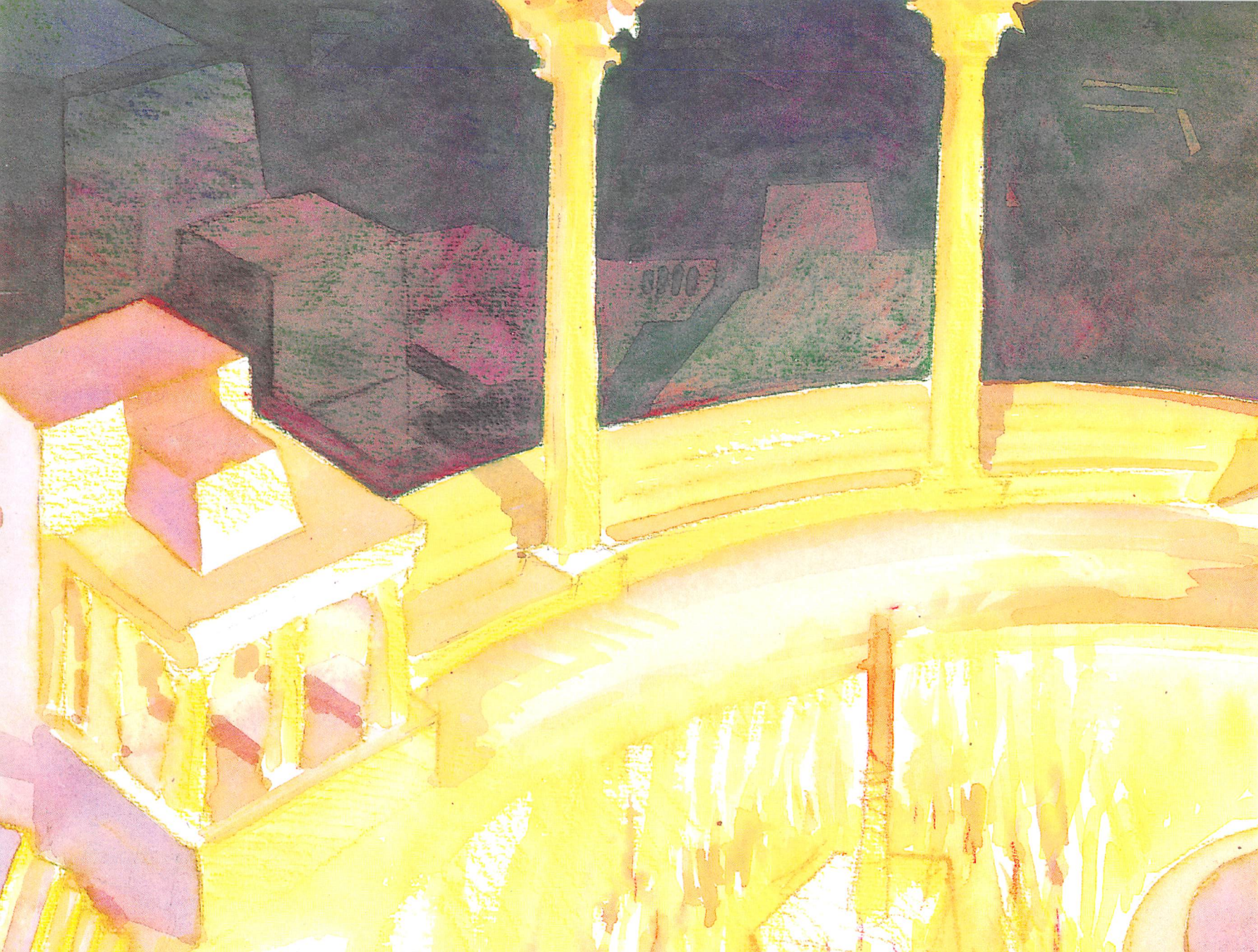


for he used to say nasty things about their idols. When asked, he said, “Why don’t you ask him?” pointing to the largest remaining idol. “He has the axe, it must be him.” The villagers at once replied, “He cannot answer.”

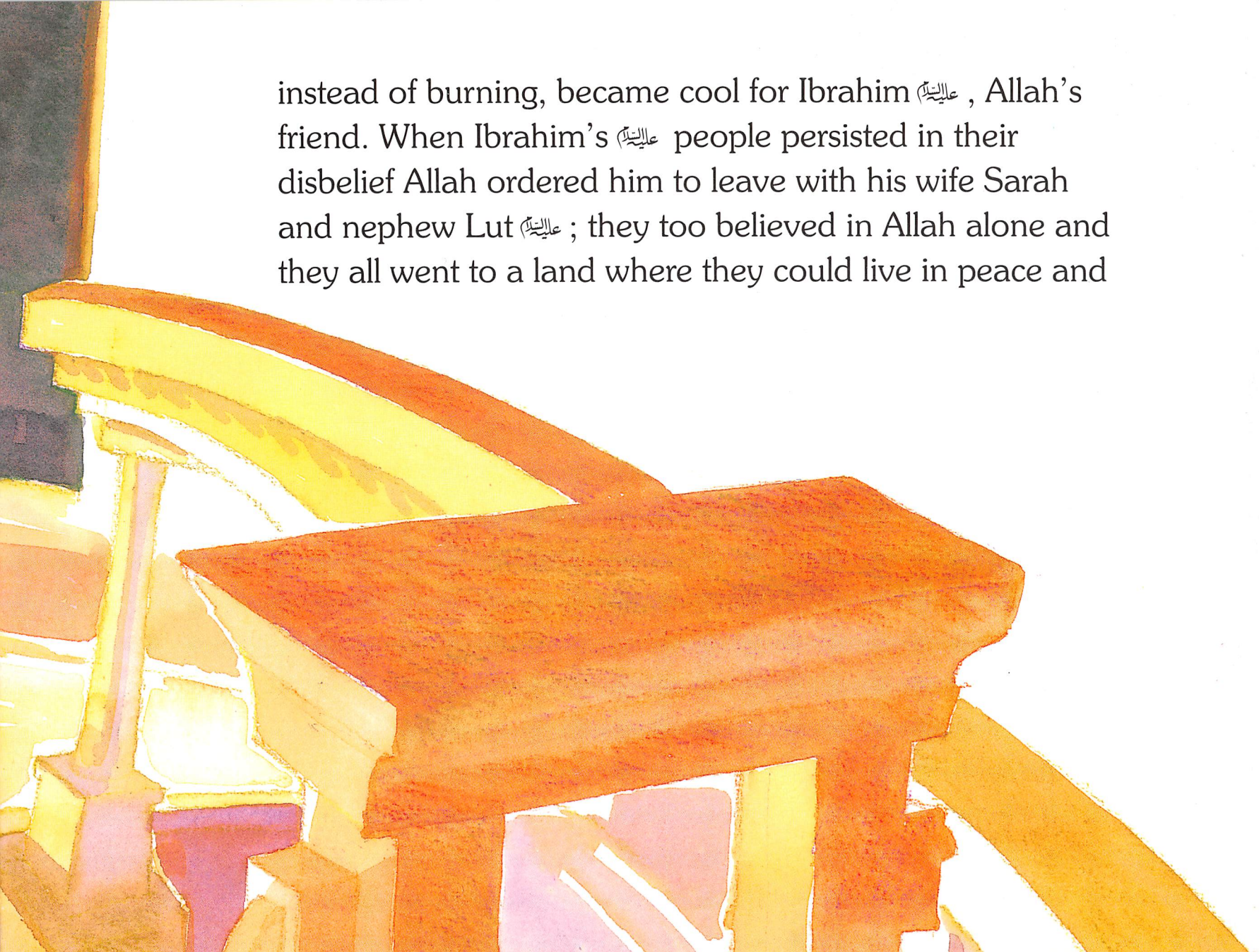
“Then why do you worship him?” asked Ibrahim عليه السلام. “If he does not have the power to answer a simple question or move, how do you believe he can help you or bring harm to you?” The village people were at a loss for words but like all those who are in the wrong and do not want to admit it, they became furious and decided to burn him alive. Thus a huge fire was kindled but Allah does not let any harm come to those who have faith in Him. The fire,

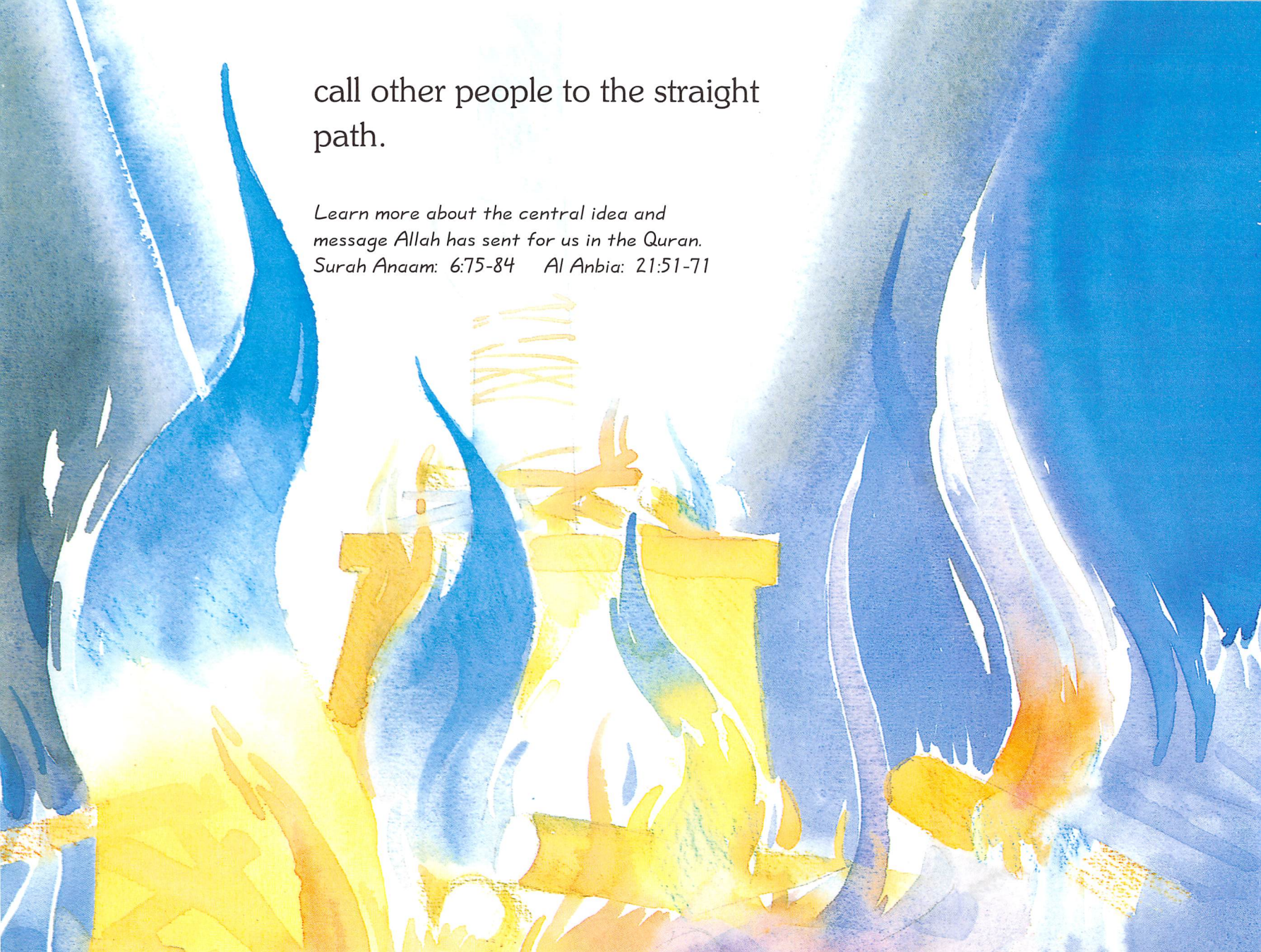






instead of burning, became cool for Ibrahim عليه السلام , Allah's friend. When Ibrahim's عليه السلام people persisted in their disbelief Allah ordered him to leave with his wife Sarah and nephew Lut عليه السلام ; they too believed in Allah alone and they all went to a land where they could live in peace and





call other people to the straight
path.

*Learn more about the central idea and
message Allah has sent for us in the Quran.
Surah Anaam: 6:75-84 Al Anbia: 21:51-71*

